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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT LEGISLATION CLARIFYING THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AS DENYING CITIZENSHIP TO CHILDREN OF ILLEGAL ALIENS BY VIRTUE OF THEIR BEING BORN IN THE UNITED STATES.

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1 To the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution
4 states in part, "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and
5 subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of
6 the state wherein they reside"; and

7 Whereas, this clause clearly establishes two criteria that must be met
8 before a child born in the United States can be considered a citizen - being
9 born in the United States and being subject to the jurisdiction of the United
10 States; and

11 Whereas, illegal aliens are not subject to the jurisdiction of the
12 United States and, consequently, neither are their children; and

13 Whereas, to eliminate the present problem of granting citizenship to
14 infants who, due to their parents' illegal status, are not subject to the
15 jurisdiction of the United States, Congress needs to clarify that children of
16 illegal aliens inherit the status of their parents and must be recognized as
17 illegal aliens; and

18 Whereas, the current practice of granting citizenship to children of
19 illegal aliens rewards them for violating American law and provides them with
20 a means to avoid the consequences of their unethical and illegal activities.
21 Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of

22 Representatives concurring, prays:

23 1. That the Congress of the United States enact legislation clarifying
24 the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution as denying
25 citizenship status to children of illegal aliens simply by virtue of their
26 being born in the United States.

27 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
28 of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the
29 United States House of Representatives, each Member of Congress from the
30 State of Arizona and Mothers Against Illegal Aliens.